GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:484
ANSWERED ON:18.11.2016
Arthritis
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to declare arthritis as a non-communicable disease, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether not much awareness has been raised on arthritis despite marking October 12 as World Arthritis Day if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the said disease is not under NCDs list and that there is no national programme for rheumatological illnesses, no comprehensive data on how many people are affected by them and patients cannot claim reimbursement, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) & (b): Arthritis is a non-communicable chronic disease of musculoskeletal system that includes osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis, low back pain, osteoporosis, low back pain, etc.. Awareness about arthritis among the people is low.

(c) & (d): As on date, there is no specific/comprehensive National Health Programme for prevention and control of Arthritis. The factual data on arthritis is not available for the country as on date. However, the activities of the two programme viz. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Programme and National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) addresses the issues of Arthritis.